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Saint Monica's Home

In presenting this report, it seems well, even at the risk of telling an old story, to go back to our first beginnings of nineteen years ago, and thus establish our right to a place among those many Boston charities which, having begun in small ways, but only at the call of actual necessity have, after many struggles, been enabled to attain to a settled place of abode and a definite line of work.

On February 2, 1888, our first house, at 79 Phillips Street, was opened with one patient, a young girl dying of consumption, as it was then called, whom the Sisters had been visiting for many weeks. Her only bed was a box and two chairs crowded in between a hot stove, a window, and an ever-opening door ; her only companion through the day the crying and fretful baby of a fellow roomer who went out to work ; her only nourishment, except what the Sisters were able to bring to her, was skimmed milk gotten the night before from the corner shop.

This is only one of the many such cases constantly under the notice of the Sisters, for whose admission to the general Hospitals no application was ever successful. Hence the need of just such a Home as St. Monica's.

Our six beds were soon filled with all sorts of chronic cases, with often a waiting list ; and occasionally, by mistake, we got a case of pneumonia or typhoid. Our means of living were then and always have been precarious ; but through the generosity and kindness of our friends and those specially interested in the colored race, we continue unto this day.

Our move in March, 1891, to 45 Joy Street, which we were able to purchase, thus saving rent and taxes, was a great improvement both as regarded location and accommodation, and a few years later, with some money given us for that special purpose, 47 Joy Street was added. Here

the work developed in the direction of a Children's Ward, as until then we had beds for women only.

In June, 1904, an opportunity offered of securing the William Lloyd Garrison Homestead in Roxbury, to which we have added a Tuberculosis ward of five beds, equipped with all modern requirements, and constantly flooded with sunshine and fresh air. We have, besides, two rooms for women, and a bright, attractive, sunny room with beds for four children, making, in all, an outside limit of sixteen beds.

The move to Roxbury and the necessity of buying more land than we actually needed, for Homesteads may not be acquired by piecemeal, made it necessary for us to encumber ourselves with a heavy mortgage, which has, however, been reduced during the last six months to $5750.00, and this amount we specially desire to lessen as speedily as possible, so that the constantly recurring interest may not be a drain upon our current funds. Our assured income from annual subscriptions and other sources reaches about $1000.00 per year, while our annual expenditure is something over $4000.00, the balance of which has been secured month after month by personal solicitation from friends, and in many cases by the sale of work, artistic and culinary, done by the Sisters themselves.

Our daily household expenditure, by close calculation, is about $10.00, and we are asking guilds, societies, and private individuals to undertake one day each year, they choosing any day that specially appeals to them. This might be done as a memorial for some loved one departed, or to mark any special time of happiness or thanksgiving. We have also in operation a Trust Fund deposited with the Old Colony Trust Company by which any one depositing permanently $300.00 in our name (St. Monica's Home) secures to us in perpetuity an income of $10.00 a year.

Our pressing needs, therefore, are as follows: Donations towards paying off the mortgage, Donations towards endowment, and A substantial increase in our annual subscriptions. "He gives doubly who gives quickly" is surely true when a mortgage is in question.

A cold blast refrigerator, built upon the most approved system of ventilation and sanitation, has lately been presented to the Home by our good and faithful cook of seven years' standing, she herself obtaining from her friends and by the work of her own hands the necessary amount of money for the whole cost, something over $100.00.

Our thanks are due to our Ladies' Aid, who have so constantly helped us in all our difficulties and in many ways are making "the rough places plain"; to our Medical staff for services rendered to our patients so cheerfully and perseveringly; to Saint Monica's Relief Association, a society of prominent colored women who give us annually $150.00, which is often supplemented by the proceeds from some entertainment or social gathering; to Saint Monica's Sewing Circle, also among the colored women, whose table at the fair was well patronized; to the Needlework Guilds of Boston and Jamaica Plain for generous contributions of clothing; to the Guilds in connection with Emmanuel Church for both money and clothing; to the Young Men's Christian Union for "Rides for Invalids"; to the Charity Club for new bath tub for patients, and for painting and renovating one room; and to our many friends in many places for many gifts both large and small, on which God's blessing has rested, increasing them a hundred fold.

> "Who gives himself with his alms feeds three:
> Himself, his hungering neighbor, and ME."

General Bequest

I give and bequeath to the treasurer of St. Monica's Home for Sick Colored Women and Children, a charitable association conducted under the auspices of the St. Margaret Sisters of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and having a house at No. 125 Highland Street, in that part of Boston, Mass., known as Roxbury, the sum of.....

.....dollars, to be used for the benefit of the Home.

Investments

Land and buildings, No. 125 Highland Street, Roxbury.

THE "DAY'S SUPPORT" FUND

Old Colony Trust Company, in trust	$550.00

THE "ROBERT CHARLES BILLINGS" FUND

$1000 West End Railway Company, 4% — 1915.	
4 shares common stock Union Pacific R.R.	
Cash uninvested, New England Trust Co.	80.75

Saint Monica's Home in Account with Sister Vera, Treasurer

From December 1, 1905 to December 1, 1906.

Dr.

Balance on hand December 1, 1905	$ 162.76
Annual subscriptions	653.00
* Gifts	1400.41
Board from patients	524.00
Receipts from fairs and sales	2009.31
Interest on Billings Fund	42.13
"A Day's Support" Fund	60.00
	$4851.61

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Balance to make up $1000.00 on mortgage	$ 120.45	
Interest and insurance	375.00	
Provisions	1730.48	
Wages	1009.75	
Gas and coal	276.98	
House furnishings and clothing	116.56	
Laundry	258.99	
Repairs	133.19	
Drugs	58.44	
Telephone	61.02	
Printing	15.00	
Expenses for sweetmeats	275.65	
Sundries, including postage and carfares	202.96	
	$4634.47	
Balance on hand December 1, 1906	217.14	
		$4851.61

* Of this sum $316.50 were given by St. Monica's Relief Association.

Saint Monica's Home for Sick Colored Women and Children

Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, hereby agrees to receive payment of subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises of money, securities or land for the benefit of St. Monica's Home for Sick Colored Women and Children, a charitable association conducted under the auspices of St. Margaret's Sisters of the Protestant Episcopal Church. All such payments, donations, bequests and devises received are to be held by it as a fund to be known as the St. Monica's Home Fund, and upon the following trusts, subject to such modifications satisfactory to it as may be rendered necessary by the stipulations of individual subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises:

1. To hold and manage the principal of said fund perpetually, and to invest and reinvest the same with full power to sell the same or any part thereof, or to alter or change investments at any time and from time to time.

2. To pay the net income of said fund as constituted from timeto time by quarterly payments to the Treasurer of said Home. In determining who is at any time Treasurer of said Home said Trust Company may rely upon the statement of any officer of said St. Margaret's Sisters.

3. In case at any time said Home is discontinued, or in case for any reason the trusts above defined cannot be carried into effect, the income of said fund is to be thereafter applied or paid by said Trust Company to some similar charity carried on within the Diocese of Massachusetts of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and chosen by the Society of St. Margaret, a corporation organized under the laws of Massachusetts, and approved in writing by the officers of the St. Monica's Ladies' Aid Committee, as now constituted, or its successor, if any.

In Witness Whereof said Old Colony Trust Company has hereunto set its hand and seal this 29th day of December, 1904.

Old Colony Trust Company,
By James A. Parker, *Vice-President.*

Bequest in Trust

I give and bequeath to the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston, Mass., or its successors, the sum of..... dollars to be added to, and administered by it in the same manner and as part of, the fund now held in trust by it for the benefit of St. Monica's Home for Sick Colored Women and Children, and known as St. Monica's Home Fund.

Checks may be made payable to St. Monica's Home and sent either to Robert S. Sturgis, 133 Bay State Road, or to Sister Vera, 125 Highland St., Roxbury.

Annual Subscribers

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